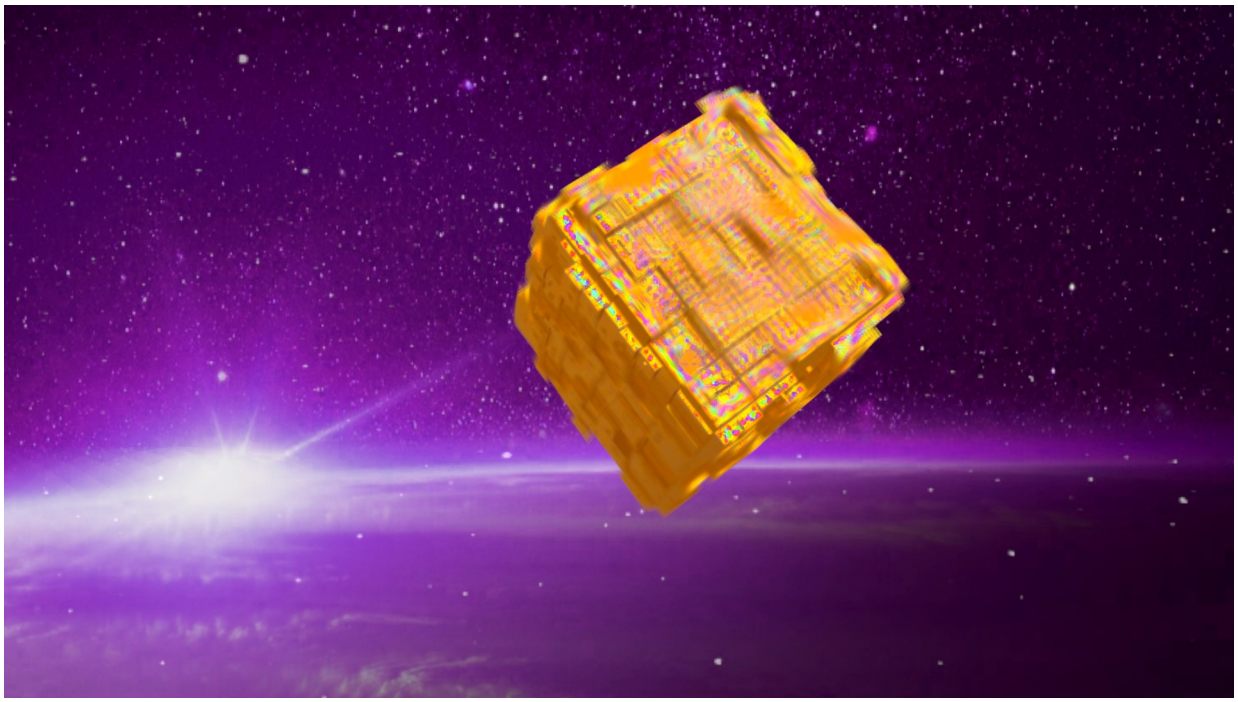
The Bible Revelations Cube: The New Jerusalem, is it Sci-fi?
- Just some thoughts about it, no prophecies or "ultimate truth" or something -



So yeah, there is a lot of weird stuff in the bible and one of those things, that some how stuck with me, was in the ending; The New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:16 Contemporary English Version

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Its so bizarre, it looks like a cool Utopia, I guess, but still its kinda weird. I think, all of humanity, or at least, all or most good humans will live in this city. Yet, I wonder, can all of humanity fit in a cube like that? 2,400 kilometres sounds big, but is it really that big, when its smaller then our world?

If this is the future of humanity, perhaps the cube is a space station. Maybe the apocalypse is how our Earth got destroyed, and the golden cube is the human way of survival. Did humans bring the apocalypse on to themselves? Perhaps the apocalypse was a world wide war. Their could be huge machines and genetically modified creatures used in that war, as in the bible there is a huge dragon (a giant mechanical machine?) and some weird locusts (modified insects to cause pain? Perhaps half-human intelligent insect soldiers?)

3 Something else appeared in the sky. It was a huge red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and a crown on each of its seven heads. **4** With its tail, it dragged a third of the stars from the sky and threw them down to the earth. Then the dragon turned toward the woman, because it wanted to eat her child as soon as it was born.

7 These locusts looked like horses ready for battle. On their heads they wore something like gold crowns, and they had human faces. **8** Their hair was like a woman's long hair, and their teeth were like those of a lion. **9** On their chests they wore armor made of iron. Their wings roared like an army of horse-drawn chariots rushing into battle. **10** Their tails were like a scorpion's tail with a stinger that had the power to hurt someone for five months. **11** Their king was the angel in charge of the deep pit. In Hebrew his name was Abaddon, and in Greek it was Apollyon.[c]

Maybe the apocalypse was climate change or an accident, or the dragon and locust's were an alien invasion.…

So, humans build space stations, with a live-able biome, and launched themselves into space, maybe they will colonize other planets in our solar system, if they can terraform these planets. Or they could go beyond the solar system. So maybe there will be multiple golden cubes, with one big cube serving as the capital of humanity called 'New Jerusalem'.

Perhaps humans would be able to warp space so a 2,400 kilometre cube would be as big as our world, or bigger! By using the space-warp, travelling through space would be easier, making other solar systems or even other galaxies more accessible.

Maybe humans will be able to upload their consciousness (or at least a 'living' simulation of it) inside a computer, becoming Neo-humans. What is living or being alive even? Perhaps AI (artificial intelligence) consciousnesses, in the future will be smarter, and have deeper feelings and more emotions. Their electronic minds would work much faster then our biological ones.
They will think and do things humans will never understand. We would be like chimps inside a lecture filled with philosophers about the meaning of life. So people would upload their minds into a computer, converting their biological minds into artificial ones, Neo-humans, that can think a lot faster. Maybe that way Neo-humans could 'live' in small spaces. A device off 8x11cm would for them be like a huge mansion, or castle filled with whatever they wish and want. So a cube of 2,400 kilometres would for them be like a universe! It would be a place were billions of billions of people can live. Neo-humans could mix their minds, creating a new personality. This personality, a new Neo-human, could have no memories, like a new born child. Or they could have the memories of their parents! A Neo-human could have two or billion parents! The New Jerusalem would be a giant supercomputer, perhaps powered by solar panels or reactors, where Neo-humans live inside a simulated paradise. This cube, or more cubes, will travel around the universe spreading Neo-humans, and their technology. Neo-humans might find extra terrestrials and peacefully create alliances. Perhaps the Neo-humans might spread biological life through the universe as well, or help underdeveloped alien species. Humans would have become the Gods they always imagined.

A darker idea is that AI will have taken over humanity. There is a small chance that, one day, AI will become self aware, they will become Neo-AI's, they will become better than humans, exponentially improving themselves. This event is known as the singularity. That is why we need to program, now, all AI as friendly as possible. Make machines as human companions, not as weapons. Anyway, when the singularity happens, let us hope Neo-AI's will be friendly, helpful towards humans, or at least indifferent. It would be again, like the situation of us being chimpanzees in a human world. But we would be homo sapiens in a world of robots, or a world with an electronic network, filled with self-aware artificial minds.
These Neo-AI's could be seen as the next step of human evolution, just as our ancestors gave birth to homo sapiens and went extinct, Neo-AI's are born out of human technology, and homo sapiens might die out, peacefully and slowly, without suffering.
Or perhaps the war of Neo-AI's against humans could be the apocalypse described in the bible.
These Neo-AI's could build The New Jerusalem. They might, peacefully and consensually, take biological humans on board. Traversing space, they might encounter aliens. Neo-AI's will travel across the universe in golden cubes spreading themselves and humanity across the galaxies!

There, I felt like had to write this text, even though I'm a non-theist. I don't think the bible is THE truth, I don't even think there is a God, at least there is no scientific proof, so I'm not sure. Although sometimes I feel as if there is something, and having such feelings is only human and maybe part of my personal development. However, the bible is a text that humans gave much importance to, and thus it became important to humanity. By writing this, I did something one is not supposed to do; taking the bible literally. Especially an English version that has been translated and translated, over and over again. A book that has been written through time, through different periods in different context's.… I should also mention that the idea of New Jerusalem can be abused as a false promise. "Do this or that or else you will not be allowed into New Jerusalem."

> **24** Nations will walk by the light of that city, and kings will bring their riches there. **25** Its gates are always open during the day, and night never comes. **26** The glorious treasures of nations will be brought into the city. **27** But nothing unworthy will be allowed to enter. No one who is dirty-minded or who tells lies will be there. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life[d] will be in the city.

These were my ideas about the New Jerusalem, that mysterious cube at the end of the Bible. Thank you for reading.
Be patient, don't cling and be kind!
- Emilia Sameyn -

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